

Slocan Lake Stewardship Society

Board of Directors Meeting

March 05, 2012

Call to order. 7:05 PM Members present: Clarence DenBok, Therese DesCamp, Margaret Hartley, Richard Johnson, Mike Lesnik

Acceptance of the February 07, 2012 Minutes as amended. M: Richard S:Margaret Carried.

Acceptance of the agenda as amended M:Mike S: Richard Carried

Treasurer's Report: (Richard). Water Studies: \$12 854.75; Operating account:\$7496.14; Petty cash account: \$129.06; Fortis grant for invasive plant signs: \$2500 M: Clarence S:Mike; Passed Motion: Richard. S: Mike *For expenditures not previously approved by the Board that exceed \$200.00, or expenditures that have been approved but exceed a Board approved estimate by more than 5% Board approval is required. E-mail will be an acceptable form of approval.* Carried

Old Business

Lake Management Plan update and discussion. SLSS will present to the Slocan City council, a Silverton Council sub-committee, and has held discussion with New Denver council representative. Further science study is needed to include spawning in Slocan Lake, species at risk, and wildlife along the lake. *Margaret will bring local science experts together with an eye towards the above science.*

BCLSSConference Update. Mike and Richard met with Lynda Lafleur (CBT) last week concerning funding support for the BCLSS conference. Lynda was positive and also suggested sponsorship levels and Partner programs. Mike has proposed this to the BCLSS committee, but has not yet had a response. MP's MLA's,RDCK, and the three villages will be formally invited. SLSS will be provide a 15 minute presentation slot at the beginning of Saturday's conference. David DeRosa has been accepted as the person to do a Sunday field trip to Bonanza Marsh. Sunday's anticipated field trip option south to Slocan City and Slocan River (Streamkeepers) is being further discussed by the BCLSS

Slocan Lake Stewardship website discussion. *Clarence will write item (s) for a new home page that is more directed at Slocan Lake than SLSS. The quote "Preserving the lake for the community" will be deleted. More photos can be sent to Maggie for inclusion in the website. Motion (Richard): The SLSS will allocate up to \$150 to host the SLSS website, and permission to upgrade to the next level of wordpress if necessary. The SLSS will also support Maggie for up to two hours of wordpress consultation with Nikta. S: Clarence. Carried*

Hospital effluent issue update: Mike and Therese met with the Slocan Lakes Hospital administrator. Environment Canada has recently, twice, assessed the hospital's effluent. *Therese will locate those assessments.* Also discussed was the safe disposal of prescription drugs by the community at-large. This may be an information campaign that the SLSS can assist.

Invasive Species updates: zebra mussels have been found being carried by boats in transit from the Great Lakes, in Idaho. There are presently no inspection sites on the Alberta/B.C. border. The CBT has funded cross border liaison between the Aquatics Working Group and U.S. agencies. Margaret and Hans Dummerauf (ALESS) will jointly present to the Nakusp Village Council, a proposal advocating for boat wash station and signage re: invasive aquatic species.

Membership Drive update. Many new memberships have been received as a result of Clarence's letter, phone calls, and persistence in communication.

Moraia is developing an educational brochure on riparian areas/zones.

Columbia River Treaty information. There will be similar presentations in the future.

Water Sampling personnel; Jason Hartley and Anita Werner have generously offered to take over. Wayne Schweitzer has also offered use of his boat.

New Board Member. Nil

Creel Update. Clarence reports that Matt Neufeld at Selkirk College has indicated that college auxiliary staff will assist with creel data entry. He also indicated that the college cannot commit to doing the interpretation of the data. We agree that SLSS will need to

do this and that it should be done as soon as we determine the cost and a funding source.

Lake Lies for New Denver May Days. The Bosun Hall has been booked. The Bosun Hall must be cleared by 5:45 PM for the next event.

6. New Business

Getting the **SLSS/LMP etc. information out into the community**. Discussion held around using the SLSS website, Canada Post, Valley Voice insert, etc.. All *Board members will write at least one article* directed for public consumption, share with Board members via E-mail *before* our April 02 meeting, for discussion at our April 02 meeting.

Slocan Lake Stewardship Society's May 08 meeting will be held in Slocan City.

Garlic Festival receipt received. Discussion held around the Hills Recreation Society promoting this year's festival with a focus upon Slocan Lake.

Art in the Kohan in June may also focus upon Slocan Lake

7. Correspondance.

A letter of thanks was received from the New Denver council for receipt of the SLSS minutes.

8. Motion to Adjourn M: Mike S. Margaret carried at 9:15 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 03, 6:30 PM at the Silverton Zion Church